

BEING A HISTORY OF THE FIRST YEAR IN A  
NEW SETTLEMENT HOUSE, AS GATHERED  
FROM REPORTS PRESENTED AT THE ANNI-  
VERSARY MEETING, HELD JUNE 19TH, 1898.

*"All men find their own in all men's good."*





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GOODRICH HOUSE, 368 ST. CLAIR ST., CLEVELAND, OHIO.

GOODRICH SOCIAL SETTLEMENT,

Incorporated May 15th, 1897.

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GOODRICH HOUSE,

Opened May 20th, 1897.

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FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF GOODRICH SOCIAL SET-  
TLEMENT,

Held on Thursday evening, June 19th, 1898.

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PROGRAMME.

Dr. Haydn, presiding.

Song, "Hence Now Away," *Arranged by Dale.*

Goodrich House Chorus.

Reports—I. Secretary of Board of Trustees.

Miss Lucy B. Buell.

II. Boys' Club Association.

Mrs. E. W. Haines.

III. Girls' Clubs.

Miss Buell.

IV. Head Worker.

Mr. Starr Cadwallader.

College Song, . . . . . Lincoln Club Quartette.

Addresses — Mrs. M. E. Rawson.

Dean C. D. Williams.

Mr. George A. Bellamy.

The Rev. H. R. Cooley.

College Song, . . . . . Lincoln Club Quartette.

## REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

The organization known as the Goodrich Social Settlement Corporation had its beginning in December, 1896. At that time a few people interested in settlement ideas were asked to come together to consider plans for carrying on the work to be undertaken at Goodrich House, then nearing completion. An informal organization was made by the twelve persons present, officers elected and a committee appointed to draw up a constitution. In January this committee reported, several amendments were proposed, and the matter was left open until the February meeting, when the constitution, with its various amendments, was adopted.

Later it was felt that more effective work could be done were the association incorporated. A charter was accordingly drawn up, signed by the twelve original members and three additional names, and this charter being granted under the laws of Ohio, the Goodrich Social Settlement Association became an incorporated body May 15, 1897.

The thirteen members of the Board of Trustees, chosen by the members of the corporation from their number, meet once a month to hear reports from the various branches of the work and consider any questions that may arise in connection with it. The Executive Committee of Trustees meets fortnightly, and is empowered to act upon any matters requiring immediate attention. A Finance Committee, House Committee, Library Committee, and Entertainment Committee look after the various details that come under these heads.

This is the machinery of Goodrich House. To keep this machinery out of sight as much as possible—to make it

effective for the running of the House and yet supply no unnecessary force, depending as far as may be upon power generated from within, rather than that brought to bear from without, is our aim.

It was with some misgivings that we took possession of our beautiful building. Those of us who were familiar with the very different housing of most of our American settlements, said, "This will not be a settlement — it will be an institution — the personal element, which is the soul of the genuine settlement, will be lost here."

At the end of a year our misgivings have vanished. We believe now that the true settlement spirit may be housed in more spacious quarters than as a rule are dedicated to it, and as we see how this building answers to all the demands of neighborhood life, we rejoice in it and in the generous provision made for every need. One of our neighbors said the other day, "You don't know what a difference this house has made down here. I watched it go up and wondered what it was going to be, but I never dreamed it was going to mean so much to us all."

Our other reports will tell of the many things we are trying to do at Goodrich House, but we feel that the best part of our work cannot be thus formulated.

We do not believe that clubs and entertainments will regenerate the world. Better sanitary conditions, an opportunity for manual training and higher education — these will help, but will not solve our great social problems.

"All ye are brethren." When the world shall come to believe this, and to act upon it, the problems will solve themselves. To express and to emphasize this truth, the settlement came into existence, and this we believe is still the best service it has to offer.

LUCY B. BUELL.



## THE BOYS' CLUBS.

THE FRANKLIN CLUB, for boys between the ages of six and eleven years.

THE GARFIELD CLUB, for boys between the ages of eleven and fourteen years.

PAUL ROSENFELDER, . . . . President.

RAY FRYE, . . . . . Secretary.

CHRISTY BACKUS, . . . . . Treasurer.

THE KINGSLEY CLUB, for boys between the ages of fourteen and sixteen years.

GARFIELD KENNEDY, . . . . President.

WINNIE BROWN, . . . . . Secretary.

OSCAR SCHWYER, . . . . . Treasurer.

THE LINCOLN CLUB, for boys over sixteen years of age.

EDWARD WANKOWSKY, . . . . President.

JERRY CUMMINGS, . . . . . Secretary.

HOWARD DOUGLAS, . . . . . Treasurer.

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These clubs are under the special direction of the Boys' Club Association.

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MR. E. W. HAINES, . . . . President.

MRS. CORA M. BEAUMONT, . Treasurer.

MR. EDGAR E. ADAMS, . . . . Secretary.

MRS. HAINES, MR. G. H. BEAUMONT, MISS HARRIET WADE,

MR. W. E. CUSHING, DR. FANNIE C. HUTCHINS,

MR. AND MRS. STARR CADWALLADER.

## REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 1st, 1898.

In the old days, a few years ago, when we were thankful to gather our boys together in the basement of the Old Stone Church, we should have told you of the Boys' Club, numbering over 200 boys, in age from 10 to 18, with an average attendance of about 60; but with the space granted us in Goodrich House we have felt that the greatest benefit has been that of sub-division of the boys according to age, so that now we report on four Boys' Clubs, whose members range in age from 6 to 20 years, numbering altogether 265, with an average attendance in each club of over half its membership.

<sup>1</sup> To many of us the ideal club would not exceed 50 members, in the charge of three or four workers, so that each boy could become an individual study and friend to those in charge.

All the clubs, with the exception of the youngest, have the use of a club room twice a week and instruction in the gymnasium on two evenings of each week. They all may deposit their savings, from one cent up, in the Penny Provident Fund; each club enjoys certain special social gatherings in the course of the year; and each is given the use of the gymnasium stage to present some exhibition at the end of the year, by which means they hope to fill their exchequer to overflowing.

<sup>2</sup> Besides an initiation fee, each member pays dues, ranging from one penny a week in the youngest clubs,

through five cents and eight cents a month, to \$1.75 a year paid by each member of the Lincoln Club. Of the amount thus received, three-fifths is given to the Association towards its expenses and two-fifths is at the disposal of the club.

In spite of a certain uniformity, however, each club has its diverse features, pleasant and instructive as is appropriate to the age of its members, and as is prompted by the various leaders. The infant of the group, the *Franklin Club*, was organized in June, 1897, with a membership of three. It was suggested by a boy of seven coming in one evening and asking of one of the residents, "Can a little boy like me come in and look at picture books, Missus?" Two other small boys, who had been waiting outside for several nights, were invited in, and in this way the club began. By the last of July, when we closed for the summer, the club had seven members. In October, the boys were collected again and new members between the ages of six and eleven added each week until they now number fifty-five, with an average attendance of thirty.

The first part of each Tuesday evening is passed quickly and merrily with the games, and the happy time closes with a short talk or story. The little fellows have had special celebrations at Thanksgiving and Christmas, highly enjoyed of course. Mrs. Cadwallader, the leader, has been much encouraged in calling at the homes of the boys to find how the club is appreciated. Those associated with her in the work, whose faithful attendance has aided so materially in its success, are Miss Selminski, Miss Winship, Miss Murray, Miss Gale, Miss Wade, Miss Anna Kemp, and Mr. Owen.

*Garfield  
Club.*

With the Garfield Club, composed of boys between the ages of 11 and 14, begins a certain amount of self-government as a club. The members elect a president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer from among their own number, and the monthly business meeting is looked forward to as a treat, from which no member would wish to absent himself. It is all fun to them, but unconsciously they are learning a little about parliamentary rules, and the more valuable lessons of self-control and obedience, as well as the ability to express their wishes and opinions in public. After the hour with games it has been the aim of their leader, Dr. Hutchins, to have the boys who are able contribute toward the pleasure of all, by playing on the violin, reciting or singing. Very popular has this informal entertainment been, and there is no more attractive sight than all the restless little figures and bright faces grouped about the piano on chairs, and tables, especially when they are all singing. Under the enthusiastic teaching of Miss Hicks and Miss Helen Newpher, it has been demonstrated that it is possible to hold the attention of boys, even of this restless age, in a way which shows that they really enjoy singing, especially patriotic songs; while to hear them sing, "The Belle of Poverty Row," and "On The Banks of the Wabash," as they did in their entertainment, is an inspiration—the volume of sound being exceeded only in the club yell. The club, in addition to singing, delighted the audience, on the occasion of their entertainment, with a fine bar-bell drill, cane drill, and cake walk, beside showing their ability in various other directions.

The club in January had a membership of 83, which has since increased to 102, with an average attendance of

69. The following friends by their help have made possible the management of so large a club: Mr. and Mrs. Beaumont, Miss Guild, Miss Sherwood, Miss Trowbridge, Prof. E. V. Morgan, Mrs. W. J. Frost, Miss Cutter, Mrs. Frazee, Miss Newpher, Miss Selminski, Miss Landow, Miss Anna Kemp, Mr. Louis Buschman, Mr. Maynard, Miss Bair.

*Kingsley  
Club.*

In October, 1897, the Kingsley Club was organized from the older members of the Garfield Club, boys over 14 years of age. It now numbers 45, and is self-governing, except in the matter of electing new members, which is left to the judgment of the leader, Mr. E. W. Haines. In addition to the usual games, and gymnastic drill, this club through the winter had weekly talks, followed by short examinations on the lives of noted men, and on subjects in natural history.

Mr. and Mrs. Haines have had charge of this club and lately have been aided by Mr. Wm. E. Cushing, who in March, at the boys' request, organized a Debating Society, which has already discussed such questions as the following: "Is it better to grow up in the city or in the country?" "Shall women vote?" "Ought we to have five cent or three cent fares?" The boys have improved greatly in ability to speak without notes, at first being obliged to read their debates. The Kingsley Club gave an entertainment last month consisting of gymnastic drills, Negro dances, recitations, and a mock siege of Troy in which fair Helen lived again, and Hector fought, and even the horse was present.

*Lincoln  
Club.*

The Lincoln Club, composed of boys over 16 years of age, was organized in January, 1897, with a membership of 50. It now numbers 63. It is self-governing, even to electing its own mem-

bers, the leader having veto power. The only serious difficulty arising out of this liberty has been due to race prejudice in the election of members; but a firm course being taken by the Association, the club yielded and confirmed us in the belief that the plan of self-government is a good one, but one which necessitates careful management.

The regular weekly meetings of the club have been held on Tuesday evenings during the year. The first Tuesday in each month is devoted to matters of business. During the latter half of the year, a programme has been arranged by the programme committee for each of the other weekly meetings. In this way the club has heard readings and talks, and has enjoyed various social gatherings.

Two events are of sufficient importance to deserve special mention. The club gave on Lincoln's birthday a banquet, to which 45 of its members and friends sat down. Toasts, upon topics of interest to those present, were responded to by Messrs. Isadore Freiburger, Harry Kleinman, George Sofrey, William C. Strong; and an address on Lincoln was made by Prof. H. E. Bourne. On May 24th, the club gave a closing party, in which 70 participated, and owed much to the dancing.

The Young Men's Council, which is considered a part of the Lincoln Club, has held weekly meetings, under the direction of Mr. W. O. McClure. After due consideration, a change was made in the qualifications for membership in this council. By the change the privileges of the Council were extended to young men outside the Lincoln Club.

A dancing class was maintained by the club members through a course of thirteen lessons. A mandolin and guitar club, which aroused great interest, has just completed a term of twelve lessons.

The plan followed in the formation of the Lincoln Club has proved, on the whole, quite satisfactory. This plan provides for the gathering of a considerable number of young men of about the same age into a club for social purposes; and the sub-division, as occasion may demand, into smaller groups, to satisfy individual preference in the way of instruction or amusement.

The workers in the Lincoln Club have been: Leader, Mr. Cadwallader; Workers: Mr. Edgar Adams, Miss Wade, Mr. W. O. McClure, Miss Selminski, Miss Sutherland, Mr. Dudley Smith. Mr. Wehr has been our efficient and helpful instructor in all the gymnasium classes.

The winter work was closed by a picnic on May 30, for all the boys' clubs and the Violet Club of girls. Transportation to Chippewa was secured through the kindness of Mr. Woodford, and the expense of the luncheon was met by a subscription from the treasury of each club. Two hundred and thirty-five, including some 20 workers, went, some of us with fear and trembling as to how many would return, but as the conductor counted two more in the return party than went out, no more could fairly be expected. It was a glorious and successful day, with field sports and races and base ball for all, with no casualties beyond the mild facts that several small boys overate, one bruised his fingers, three fell in the water, and one damsel fainted.

And so closed a winter's work with plans already formed for summer pleasure, such as base ball matches, social evenings, and a camp on the lake shore.



# TREASURER'S REPORT OF THE YOUNG MEN'S AND BOYS' CLUB ASSOCIATION,

From the opening of Goodrich House to June 1, 1898.

## RECEIPTS:

Balance brought forward, . . . . . \$155.75

### Subscriptions:

|                                 |         |
|---------------------------------|---------|
| S. E. Williamson, . . . . .     | \$50.00 |
| C. O. Scott, . . . . .          | 25.00   |
| M. R. Swift, . . . . .          | 50.00   |
| Mrs. E. W. Haines, . . . . .    | 52.50   |
| L. A. Bailey, . . . . .         | 10.00   |
| Peter Hitchcock, . . . . .      | 25.00   |
| W. J. Rainey, . . . . .         | 25.00   |
| Stone Church Sunday School, . . | 25.00   |
| Frank Prentiss, . . . . .       | 15.00   |
| Mrs. Nicola, . . . . .          | 5.00    |
| H. S. Pickands, . . . . .       | 15.00   |
| F. C. Keith, . . . . .          | 5.00    |
| Mrs. F. T. Backus, . . . . .    | 10.00   |
| W. S. Tyler, . . . . .          | 50.00   |
| J. H. Wade, . . . . .           | 50.00   |
| S. P. Fenn, . . . . .           | 10.00   |
| L. B. Hall, . . . . .           | 10.00   |
| Mrs. J. V. Painter, . . . . .   | 10.00   |
| Mrs. Wm. Bingham, . . . . .     | 25.00   |
| A Friend, . . . . .             | 25.00   |
| Mrs. Austin, . . . . .          | 10.00   |
| Geo. Garretson, . . . . .       | 10.00   |
| W. D. Rees, . . . . .           | 10.00   |

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\$522.50



From Clubs :

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| Lincoln Club Entertainment, . . | \$20.86 |
| Lincoln Club Dues, etc., . . .  | 33.45   |
| Kingsley “ “ “ . . .            | 29.21   |
| Garfield “ “ “ . . .            | 19.32   |
| Franklin “ “ “ . . .            | 3.36    |
| Sale of Slippers, . . . . .     | 19.50   |
| Picnic Fund from Clubs, . . . . | 20.75   |
| Dancing Club, . . . . .         | 13.30   |
| Interest, . . . . .             | 2.98    |

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\$162.73

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\$835.98

EXPENDITURES :

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| Dancing instruction, . . . . .                                                                   | \$13.00 |
| Printing, . . . . .                                                                              | 22.53   |
| Games and Repairs, . . . . .                                                                     | 48.79   |
| Lectures, entertainments and picnic, 101.35                                                      |         |
| Magazines and Papers in Library, 50.00                                                           |         |
| Care of wash-room, lockers, and<br>game-room, Gymnasium Instruct-<br>or and Librarian, . . . . . | 437.30  |
| Mat for Gymnasium, . . . . .                                                                     | 20.00   |
| Supplies—Soap, etc., . . . . .                                                                   | 19.92   |
| Slippers, . . . . .                                                                              | 48.00   |
| Water cooler, cups, etc., . . . .                                                                | 7.12    |
| Balance on hand, June 1, 1898, .                                                                 | 67.97   |

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\$835.98

CORA MERRIAM BEAUMONT,  
*Treasurer.*

## THE GIRLS' CLUBS.

SATURDAY CLUB, girls from 6 to 14 years of age.

SUNSHINE CLUB, girls from 12 to 14 years of age.

ROSEBUD CLUB, small girls.

LITTLE WOMEN, small girls.

VIOLET CLUB, young women.

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The following persons, aside from those specially mentioned, have assisted in the work of the Girls' Clubs:

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| MISS BUELL,      | MISS WELLS,    | MISS HUTCHINS,    |
| MISS WATSON,     | MISS MADIGAN,  | MISS VIETS,       |
| MISS SICKELLS,   | MISS HIGLEY,   | MISS RICHARDSON,  |
| MISS ESTERBROOK, | MISS POWELL,   | MISS HERRICK,     |
| MISS WEBSTER,    | MISS HAYDN,    | MISS CLAFLIN,     |
| MISS STEVENS,    | MISS CUTTER,   | MISS PRALL,       |
| MISS OVIATT,     | MISS SHERWOOD, | MISS HICKS,       |
| MISS TOZIER,     | MRS. KEYES,    | MRS. CADWALLADER. |

## REPORT FOR THE GIRLS' CLUBS.

It is generally felt that the difficulties connected with girls' clubs are not worth considering when compared with those presented by the boys' clubs. That they are different, those of us who have had to do with the girls at Goodrich House are ready to concede, but hardly that they are less real.

A certain kind of discipline is more easily maintained, but that order which comes from an absorbed interest is perhaps a little harder to gain with the girls than with the boys. We feel, however, that this rather than the order of the school room is to be sought for in a club; the great question is how to gain it.

Various methods are tried by the different leaders.

*Saturday Club.* The Saturday Club is the oldest of the girls' clubs, having met as a sewing school for some years in the Old Stone Church and in the Brainard Block. It is still the sewing school to most of the children, though since coming to Goodrich House we have christened it the Saturday Club. It has a membership of something over one hundred. The masculine element being represented by one table of little boys who do advanced kindergarten work. The club meets at half-past one; singing and story telling take up the time until two; from then until three o'clock the children sew; and the last half hour is spent in marching and gymnastics.

The penny which each child brings goes into a fund from which we have had a number of celebrations—for the

Saturday Club believes in celebrating. The Christmas tree and visit from Santa Claus was, of course, the great event of the year, but Thanksgiving, Lincoln's and Washington's birthday, St. Valentine's day, and Easter were all observed, and we tried in each case to emphasize the meaning of the day. The necessity for this was illustrated at Easter time, when one of the children insisted that our reason for rejoicing at this season was that we had new clothes. The ages of the children range from six to fourteen years.

*Cooking Class.* A few of the older girls felt last winter that they had outgrown the sewing school; so we formed them into a cooking class. They met every Wednesday afternoon and in this work their interest and enthusiasm never flagged—even when washing dishes or scrubbing tables. On Wednesday evening we had a cooking class for girls who were employed during the day. The attendance in this class was less regular and the results less satisfactory than with the school girls. There were two good reasons for this: The girls were employed where an occasional extra press of work meant longer hours and that prevented their coming to the class, and being busy all day they could not do much in the way of practice work at home.

*Rosebud Club.* The Rosebuds were gathered into a club by Miss Carpenter, last fall. Beginning with five, there were soon some twenty-five, so that the

club was divided and the Little Women became an organization—the older girls—those from ten to twelve going into this club while the younger girls remained in the Rosebud Club. Both have since been divided, so that they meet in two sections—it being easier and more satisfactory to manage

them in smaller groups. The average attendance altogether has been sixty-two. Miss Carpenter has had direction of these clubs, being assisted by Miss Bair, Miss Young, Miss Summerson and Miss Barger. The programme for the meetings included free gymnastics, marching and drills, reading and recitations.

*Sunshine  
Club.*

The Sunshine Club was organized by Mrs. Webster last fall. Since January, Miss Winship has been in charge, assisted by Miss MacDonald, Miss Malholland, and Miss Brassington. The membership of the club has varied little — ranging from twenty-two to twenty-four. The girls wanted to learn to sew, but were not willing to begin with first principles, and making garments without a knowledge of the stitches required was like taking up surveying without having mastered the elements of arithmetic. However, they are learning by experience and the girl who aspired to a wrapper with “ruffles and a bias waterloo plate” is now willing to have “plain just anything.”

At nearly every meeting some one has read aloud. At first the girls were adverse to giving up their gossip, but Lamb's Tales from Shakespeare won them and they missed the reading when it did not come. Several afternoons friends came in and entertained the club with singing and recitations.

*Violet  
Club.*

Forty girls, from sixteen to twenty-five years old, compose the Violet Club. This organization is governed by officers chosen from among the members with a leader who acts as general adviser. The first part of Tuesday evening, the night when the club meetings are held, is spent in exercise under the supervision of Miss Carpenter. At a quarter before eight a

business meeting is held, and this is followed by a programme which has included talks on art, literature, cooking, current news and the general conduct of life — rather a heterogeneous mass of material, and we are planning for more continuity in our work next winter.

We know that the girls enjoy their club — that it means something more than enjoyment, we hope. We should like to have some brother pay the tribute to the Violet Club that one of our girls paid to the Lincoln Club, when she said the other day, “John used to be such a tease and torment, but now he is always trying to help somebody,” and when it was suggested that boys naturally outgrew their teasing ways, said, “Well, I don’t believe he would ever have been the boy he is if it hadn’t been for his club.”

## HEAD WORKER'S REPORT.

One year ago, when this house was opened, many things were said in praise of it. Its excellent features, so admirably adapted to lend themselves to usefulness, were pointed out. The house as a building received the attention and merited the comment. At that time a hope was expressed that in the future the activities which should center within these walls, and the influence which should go out from them, might deserve increasing attention; and the spirit which prompted the building of the house was invoked to become the presiding genius of all which should go on in it, or emanate from it.

Now we take a reckoning—ask where we are, and whither we are tending— inquire whether any progress has been made toward the realization of the ideal of a year ago, and whether the house means more for having been lived in. Some of us believe that there is an indication of a change of thought in the fact that of late we hear more frequently the words, “Goodrich Social Settlement,” rather than “Goodrich House.” And though the reason for this changed expression may not be, perhaps, a conscious appreciation of the larger meaning of the term, yet it may be an unconscious feeling that the building is taking on some new significance.

Settlement work falls, in a general way, into two departments; the one includes all those activities which are carried on under the settlement roof; the other comprises all the effort, for the common good, put forth by the residents,

or others specially interested, outside settlement walls, in the neighborhood and beyond its bounds.

The emphasis here, thus far, has been laid upon the activities within the house. Various causes have contributed to bring this about. More opportunity has come naturally along this line than along any other. A necessity to use the house to the best advantage has been present from the first. The best means of gaining an acquaintance with the neighbors has been found in the facilities for doing a variety of things in the house itself. The residents, for the most part, have found the development so rapid in the one direction as to leave little opportunity for effort in any other.

The other reports cover much of the most important work. It remains for me to review some of the more general features.

*Entertain-ments.* I desire to mention first of all the series of Thursday Evening Entertainments, which was begun in October and continued through May.

Thirty-one entertainments were given, the attendance varying from 28 to 607, and making a total of 6,731. An attempt was made throughout to furnish variety and at the same time to maintain excellent quality in the programs. The following list will give a suggestion as to the character of this course:

Oct. 14.—Concert by the Singing Classes, under the direction of Mr. Geo. B. Siddall.

28.—Gymnastics by the members of the Lincoln Club.

Nov. 4.—Electric Lantern Talk, "The World's Fair," Mr. C. W. Wason.

11.—Garfield and Kingsley Clubs, Entertainment.



- Nov. 18.—Talk, "A Great Navy," Prof. H. E. Bourne.  
 25.—Open House; Magician, etc. Games in Club rooms.
- Dec. 2.—Concert under the direction of Mrs. A. K. Cole. Music by Miss Prentiss, Miss Walker, Mr. Marcossou, and Mr. Cole.  
 9.—Illustrated Talk on Egypt, Dr. H. H. Powell.  
 16.—Talk, "The Care of the Brain," Dr. E. G. Carpenter.  
 23.—Holiday Entertainment, Class Drills and music by club members, under direction of Miss Carpenter.
- Jan. 6.—The Settlement Movement. Short Talks.  
 13.—Concert by Mr. Dudley Smith, Miss Amy Wilson, Mrs. Zelie, and Mrs. Neumeyer.  
 20.—Illustrated Talk, "A Summer in Italy," Dr. H. Gruener.  
 27.—Concert under direction of Mrs. Von Sauter. Italian Club Sang.
- Feb. 3.—Illustrated Talk, "Cuyahoga River Water," Dr. F. H. Herrick.  
 10.—Second Concert by the Singing Class.  
 17.—Illustrated Talk, "Greatest City in America," Mr. D. F. Wilcox.  
 24.—Address, "Lincoln," Mr. F. A. Henry.
- Mar. 3.—"Home Gardening." Miss Keeler gave a talk on, "How to Grow Seeds."  
 10.—Mr. H. A. Garfield told about "Life and Legislation in Washington." Music by the Glee Club of the College for Women.  
 17.—Concert by Miss Florence Jones, Miss Stone, Miss Benton, and Mr. Hodges.

Mar. 24.— Dean Charles D. Williams gave an address on the life and work of Henry George. Music was furnished by Prof. E. P. Sprague.

31.— Class drills in gymnastics by both boys' and girls' classes, club swinging, apparatus work.

April 7.— Concert by the Adelbert College Glee Club.

14.— Talk, "A Journey to Europe," Mr. W. A. Kling. Music by Prof. E. P. Sprague.

21.— Entertainment by the members of the Girls' Clubs, under the direction of Miss Carpenter.

28.— Song Recital by Miss White.

May 5.— Third Concert by the Singing Class.

12.— Concert by Miss Stair, Miss Probert, and Mr. Heydler.

19.— Kingsley Club Entertainment.

26.— Garfield Club Entertainment.

With the exception of three occasions, when a small fee has been charged for the benefit of the club giving the entertainment, admission has been free. The appreciation and attention on the part of the audiences has been unusual enough to be remarked by a number of those who have assisted in presenting the programs. Music has been especially liked, and the best music has evidently been most attractive. The largest audiences have come together when it has been announced that club members, whom the people of the neighborhood know, were to take part in the entertainment. On five of these evenings, the seating capacity of the audience room has been entirely inadequate.

*Special* Besides these Thursday evening entertainments, eight special gatherings should be mentioned.

*Gatherings.* January 17.— Mr. E. L. Shuey, of Dayton, gave an illustrated address on, "Homes, How to Make

them More Beautiful." The result of this meeting was the formation of a club among the people of the neighborhood which encourages the planting of seeds, the growing and distributing of flowers. From this meeting an impulse has also been given to other clubs in the city.

On January 19 and May 4, the Blind People's Association gave excellent concerts which were well attended. An opportunity was thus afforded to present the objects of this organization.

February 4.—The late Morris Black gave an address on city government to the older members of the Boys' Clubs and other young men of the neighborhood.

February 19.—Miss Jane Addams, of Hull House, at an informal parlor conference, spoke on various phases of settlement work.

March 16.—Dr. Jane Robbins spoke on a similar topic, drawing largely for her material upon an experience of four years as Head Resident in the College Settlement of New York.

March 21.—Prof. E. V. Morgan, of Adelbert College, gave an illustrated lecture on Hawaii to the members of the various clubs meeting in the house.

May 9.—Members of the Woman's Guild, directed by Miss Carpenter, presented a number of scenes from the stories of Dickens in a unique and interesting manner. The evening was enjoyable and profitable, and revealed possibilities of entertainment which the members did not dream that they possessed.

*Sunday* From the first of November to the first of  
*Music.* April (22 Sundays,) a half hour of music and  
reading was furnished in the parlor each Sunday afternoon. The desire was to make a profitable

time for some who have few Sunday engagements and to whom the day is rather long and tiresome. The attendance was never large — from 25 to 50 — but the purpose was in a measure accomplished. An expression which was heard frequently indicates the feeling of those who attended: "We like these gatherings better every week. We enjoy the music and the readings and we are better acquainted now than we were at first." There was good music, either instrumental or vocal, on every occasion, and almost always a reading or a story.

Nov. 7.—Music, Mr. G. B. Siddall and friends.

14.—Piano recital, Dr. E. S. Meyer.

21.—Mandolin and Guitar Club.

28.—Choir of First Presbyterian Church.

Dec. 5.—Music, Miss Florence Jones and friends.

12.—Child Songs (composed by herself), Mrs. W. A. Knowlton. Readings from the poems of Eugene Field.

19.—Singing by the Glee Club of the College for Women. Reading and story.

26.—Music appropriate to Christmas time. Reading, "The First Christmas Tree."

Jan. 2.—Singing by the Boy Choir of Trinity Cathedral.

9.—Kindergarten songs and story, led by the kindergarten teacher.

16.—Charles Kingsley—sketch of his life, selections from his works, and singing of his poems which have been set to music.

23.—Music, violin and piano, by the Misses Johnston. Reading "The Revolt of Mother."

30.—Alfred Tennyson—sketch of his life, selections from his works, and singing of some of his poems which have been set to music.

Feb. 6.—Music under the direction of Mrs. Crowell.

13.—An interpretation of the Norwegian Wedding March and of Lohengrin, with a part of the music, by Miss Mix.

20.—Singing of familiar songs. Reading.

27.—Music by Miss Gardner and Mr. Stone. Talk concerning the islands of Micronesia and their people by the Rev. Irving M. Channon.

Mar. 6.—Music. Reading by Miss Griffin.

13.—Music. Story from Tolstoy, by Dr. Jane E. Robbins.

20.—Music. Story.

27.—Music, piano with mandolins and guitars.

April 3.—Music by the Lincoln Club Quartette. Reading.

*Social Gatherings.* Three social gatherings aside from those mentioned in connection with particular clubs or classes are of importance. October 21, the teachers in the Rockwell School met with the residents of the House for a social evening and for the discussion of plans for mutual helpfulness. November 15, a considerable number of our neighbors came in for the evening. On February 28, an Old Folks' Party, participated in by about one hundred people, may be considered one of the events of the season. It is certainly something that even a few men and women should pass a thoroughly pleasant evening, forget the anxieties of life, and be able to say, "I haven't felt so young for twenty years."

*Woman's Guild.* The Woman's Guild, although it belongs to the First Presbyterian Church, has a meeting place in Goodrich House, and is working along lines somewhat different from those followed in most church societies. The Guild has a membership of seventy

women of the neighborhood, associated for mutual helpfulness, under the wise guidance of Miss Weaver, whose sweet spirit makes for righteousness with whomsoever she comes in contact. This means much in the relation of the settlement to the whole neighborhood.

*Query Club.* The latest addition to the number of clubs meeting in Goodrich House is one which has decided to call itself the Query Club. The membership is made up of people of various occupations and of various opinions. The object of the club is the discussion of matters which "pertain to a higher civilization," and the promotion of good feeling and fellowship among its members.

*Educational.* The demand for educational class work has not been very great during the year. The reason for this is, I think, that a large proportion of the young people who are in the clubs are also in school, or have only recently left school.

*Classes.* The class in singing, under the able leadership of Mr. Geo. B. Siddall, has been most successful. The two classes started last summer, one for older boys, and one for younger girls, have developed into a chorus of young men and young women with forty members, and a very promising male quartette. The value of the class, moreover, is not confined to the acquirement of musical knowledge.

Small classes in stenography, bookkeeping, drawing, and algebra have been conducted during a part of the year. Perhaps a more promising field for educational work is to be found in the vacation school which is being planned for the summer months which will hold a morning session daily, except Saturday, and which will take the boys from 7 to 14, and the girls from 11 to 14 years of age.

*Reading  
Room.*

The Reading Room and Library is also an educational feature. The arrangement with the Public Library, whereby books for circulation are supplied, has been of advantage to some 300 different people, mostly children, during the year. The books chiefly called for are those which children can easily read, or books containing short stories. The volumes of the St. Nicholas are in constant use. The library has 75 books of its own, and in addition there have been on its shelves 100 volumes from the Public Library. The Public Library books are periodically exchanged, so that the total opportunity to read is larger than would appear. The papers and magazines have been used principally by those who have been drawn to the House by other interests.

The Reading Room, with its books, papers, and magazines, has not been so largely used as probably was anticipated. This must be said in spite of the fact that on winter evenings every chair has often been occupied. It is to be remembered that the Public Library is not far away, and that the desire here is to create a taste for reading which will induce as many as possible to become users of the Public Library. It is worth notice, in this connection, that a large proportion of the magazines, after they are taken from the files, are drawn in the same manner as books and taken home for whole families to read. It was thought at first that periodicals like *Power*, *The American Machinist*, and the *Magazine of Art* would find readers, but as they did not, they were discontinued.



The following is the periodical list:

MAGAZINES.

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| Century,      | Outing,            |
| Cosmopolitan, | Scribner's,        |
| Harper's,     | St. Nicholas,      |
| McClure's,    | Review of Reviews. |

OTHER PERIODICALS.

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| Chicago Commons,      | Leslie's Popular Monthly, |
| Harper's Weekly,      | Life,                     |
| Harper's Bazaar,      | Puritan,                  |
| Harper's Round Table, | Scientific American,      |
| Inland Printer,       | Success,                  |
| Leslie's Weekly,      | Youths' Companion.        |
| Ladies' Home Journal, |                           |

NEWSPAPERS.

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| Chicago Record,         | Cleveland Press,   |
| Cleveland Leader,       | Cleveland Citizen, |
| Cleveland Plain Dealer, | New York Tribune.  |
| Cleveland Recorder.     |                    |

Among the plans now under consideration by the Library Committee is one for the collection of a small library on sociological subjects, which may be of special service to the residents in the House, helping them in their further study of problems constantly demanding their attention.

*Kindergarten.* The Kindergarten, which belongs to the Day Nursery and Free Kindergarten Association, can be spoken of here in its connection with the other work of the House. The enrollment this year has been larger than ever before. A number of the children belong to families from which other members are constantly



coming in contact with the settlement in one way or another. Of great importance and increasing value are the monthly meetings of the mothers' circle, and the less frequent gatherings of both fathers and mothers. It seemed to me that the last gathering was the best of the season.

*Art Exhibitions.* Last September, we had for several weeks an exhibition of a number of original drawings, loaned by the Youth's Companion Company; and at the same time we were able to add, through the kindness of Mrs. Mather, a few choice etchings and some pen and ink and pencil drawings. These pictures were seen by several hundred people, and were especially enjoyed by those who learned something of the processes of their production.

From May 12 to May 25, we had a loan exhibition of thirty-two paintings, nearly every one the work of an artist of some note, e. g., Ziem, Schreyer, Bierstadt, Brown, Innes, and others. The members of all the clubs meeting in the House, all the older children from the Rockwell and St. Clair street schools, and above five hundred other older people from the neighborhood, saw the pictures during the two weeks they were on exhibition, some coming a half-dozen times. The children told each other stories of such pictures as they thought they recognized; one entitled "The Genii," being the favorite topic for conversation. One man who came in rather reluctantly remained for over an hour, discussing the merits of two or three different paintings, and trying to decide which he liked best. In a day or two he came back "to see them again." One woman when assured that they were "real oil paintings," went into ecstasies over two views of Venice, because, forsooth, it had been the desire of her life to visit that particular spot of earth.

A group of the younger boys were one evening looking at the paintings and most of them had about decided to vote for one called "Arab Horsemen," by Schreyer, when one of their number swung the ballot in another direction. He said: "I suppose that's a fine picture. I guess it must be a fine picture. But, say, what do you fellers know about horses? You don't know nothin', neither do I. Now come here and look at that," and he pointed to a picture of a Bootblack, by J. G. Brown, "you know that's natural. So do I. Guess we vote for that, don't we?" They did.

The kindness of the owners in loaning their paintings is recognized and appreciated; but I am quite sure that there must be some compensation in the knowledge that, by sharing for a time these paintings, genuine pleasure came to the many people who saw them while they hung in our Reading Room.

*Gymnasium.*

Another phase of the work, which has been most popular during the year, is made possible by the possession of the gymnasium with its equipment; and this has been made potent for good by the personality of the instructor, Mr. Charles J. Wehr. An average of nine classes each week, with an attendance of 110, has been the record since last September. The members of the classes in the gymnasium have not become expert gymnasts, or trained athletes; but they have had regular, healthful exercise, have been under wholesome discipline, have learned to respect one another more, have come to entertain a more kindly feeling toward each other, and are taking a pride in their person; all of which things are due in large measure to this work in the gymnasium.

*Baths.* The facilities for bathing offered in the House have been used latterly in a most gratifying manner. On a recent Saturday, between two and ten o'clock P. M., 43 tub baths were given. This is aside from the shower baths given in connection with the exercise in the gymnasium. These have averaged for some time thirty daily.

*Visitors.* The eight residents in the House, as well as a number of other people, have enjoyed and derived no little benefit from the visits of Miss Jane Addams, Miss Smith, and Mr. Geo. E. Hooker, of Hull-House; Mr. Gallway, of the Clybourn Avenue Settlement, Chicago; President and Mrs. Frost, of Berea College, Ky.; Dr. Jane E. Robbins, of New York; Miss Holmes, of Westminster House, Buffalo; Miss Margaret Maltby, of Lake Erie College, Painesville, Ohio.

*Outside the House.* At the beginning of this report, it was said that the work outside the House had not been developed to such an extent as the work within. A few things which come under this head may be mentioned briefly.

Of first importance is the work of the physician, Dr. Fannie C. Hutchins; and of the nurse, Miss Higley, whose special connection with the settlement comes through the use of supplies provided by a number of young women known as "The Baker's Dozen." The supplies consist of furnishings for the sick room, clothing, etc., which are in constant demand; and of food and medicine, which are of the utmost importance in some cases. Dr. Hutchins and Miss Higley did much of their work together. Beside personal care of the sick, they secured admission for several patients to the hospital, and were able to send four

children to the Rainbow Cottage. Dr. Hutchins feels that aside from professional services and advice she was able to be of considerable help to the mothers whom she came to know and who, having confidence in her, came to her for counsel in the small perplexities of life. It is this kind of personal touch which means much in settlement work. In connection with the visits of Dr. Hutchins and Miss Higley, attempts were made in several instances to secure improvement in the sanitary conditions. For some reason, not perfectly evident, satisfactory results could not be obtained. Possibly with a garbage plant completed, and a tenement house bill passed we may expect better things.

The residents, and some who are not residents, have put themselves, without forcing the matter, upon a visiting basis with many of the neighbors. The acquaintanceship thus formed is large and is constantly increasing. We should be sorry if it should not prove of some benefit to thus know and be known. We should also be sorry if the "visiting" were all to come from one side.

The school enumeration for the fourth ward was taken this year by the Head Worker, who found the work very interesting, and was able to do it in a satisfactory manner.

Mr. Wehr gave considerable time last summer and fall to work on a detailed map of the fourth ward. Information thus secured and put into shape has been used during the year, and has helped to a more intelligent view of the situation, so far as externals go.

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It is due to those who have assisted during the past year to say, that whatever has been done at all well could

never have been done without them. We are conscious that the assistance of those from other parts of the city has been invaluable, nor are we unmindful of the kindness and helpfulness of those who live nearby.

We look to the past year thankful, and we trust richer for its experiences; encouraged by its successes; and wiser for its failures. We look with hopeful expectation to the future, anxious that the part which this settlement will be able to contribute to the common weal may be of finer quality and of greater value because of this one year's history.

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## A LIST OF REGULAR APPOINTMENTS,

March to June, 1898.

### MONDAY.

- 8:30 a. m. Kindergarten (for children under 6 years of age).
- 3:30 p. m. Sunshine Club (for girls over 14 years of age).
- 4:00 p. m. Medical Students (gymnasium).
- 6:30 p. m. Kingsley Club (for boys over 14 years of age).
- 6:30 p. m. Mandolin Club.
- 7:00 p. m. Young Men's Council (Lincoln Club Room).
- 7:30 p. m. Lincoln Club Business Meeting (1st Monday each month).

### TUESDAY.

- 8:30 a. m. Kindergarten.
- 3:30 p. m. Rosebud Club (small girls).
- 6:30 p. m. Franklin Club (boys from 6 to 10 years of age).
- 7:00 p. m. Lincoln Club (young men).
- 7:00 p. m. Violet Club (young women).
- 7:00 p. m. Bookkeeping Class.
- 7:00 p. m. Algebra Class.
- 6:30 and 7:15 p. m. Garfield Club (in gymnasium).
- 8:00 p. m. Kingsley Club (in gymnasium, Sec. I).
- 7:30 p. m. Penny Provident Bank (game-room).

### WEDNESDAY.

- 8:30 a. m. Kindergarten.
- 1:30 p. m. Woman's Guild.
- 3:30 p. m. Cooking Class (girls).
- 6:30 p. m. Garfield Club (boys between the ages of 11 and 14 years).
- 6:30 p. m. Kingsley Club (in gymnasium).
- 7:00 p. m. Blind People's Association (1st and 3d Wednesdays, each month).

- 7:00 p. m. Drawing Class.
- 7:00 p. m. Cooking Class (young women).
- 7:00 p. m. Lincoln Club (dancing class).
- 7:30 p. m. Goodrich Club (men — 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, each month).
- 7:30 p. m. Lincoln Club (in gymnasium).
- 8:30 p. m. Penny Provident Bank (game room).

#### THURSDAY.

- 8:30 a. m. Kindergarten.
- 3:30 p. m. Medical Students (in gymnasium).
- 3:30 p. m. Little Women.
- 6:30 p. m. Male Quartette.
- 7:15 p. m. Singing Class.
- 7:30 p. m. Lecture or Entertainment.

#### FRIDAY.

- 8:30 a. m. Kindergarten.
- 2:00 p. m. Mothers' Circle (Kindergarten — 2nd Friday, each month).
- 6:30 p. m. Kingsley Club.
- 6:30 p. m. Garfield Club.
- 6:30 and 7:15 p. m. Garfield Club (in gymnasium).
- 8:00 p. m. Kingsley Club (in gymnasium).
- 8:30 p. m. Penny Provident Bank (game-room).

#### SATURDAY.

- 1:30 p. m. Saturday Club (girls).
- 1:30 p. m. Franklin Club (in gymnasium).
- 3:00 p. m. Physical Culture Class (girls).
- 3:30 p. m. Penny Provident Bank (St. Clair St. Hall).
- 6:30 p. m. Lincoln Club (in gymnasium).

#### SUNDAY.

- 4:00 p. m. • Half hour of Music.







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